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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 26, 2003, please consider the following traversal, provisional election, and remarks. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition for Extension of Time (in duplicate), for five months from October 26, 2003, to and including, March 26, 2004, with a provision authorizing payment of the required fee.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.